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MEMORANDUM FOR: D/DCI/IC

SUBJECT: Comments on Draft Letter of Instruction for C/IHC

1. I have reviewed the draft LOI for C/IHC as sent forward by the Coordination Staff. This is a sound draft, and I request that you approve it just about as written. My few requests for changes are as follows:

2. Para. 3a. The text should end after the words "Intelligence Community" in line 4, striking out all that follows. The portion struck out is too precise for this kind of document. Moreover, it is unnecessary since the force of the omitted words is effectively contained in the reference to meeting the 1976 Objectives, and D/DCI/IC can promulgate (and change) specifics in that document.

3. Para. 3f: capitalize "Distributed Production Policy".

4. Para. 4c: In line 4, insert semicolon after "communications" and again after "display". Otherwise there are so many commas it is confusing.

5. Para. 3g. The draft asks at the outset if this paragraph is appropriate. My reply is that the subject of community inter-netting of telecommunications systems is one of the most important in our business. I feel very strongly about the need to have this topic included specifically in the LOI for C/IHC.

6. I request you add a new subparagraph, as follows:

" . Support and participate in the continuing program of Intelligence and Operations Watch Centers Conferences. Provide information on community communications networks and facilities and information handling procedures relating to crisis and emergency operations."

Rationale for addition: we are now participating in these Conferences and through the IHC subcommittee structure we have a capability to provide information for future Conference work. Our efforts will be more effective if this assignment is specified.

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